



*We believe we are called by God to be an inclusive
Christian community, committed to justice,
learning, service and care.*



BLACKWOOD UNITING CHURCH

More than a Sunday Church...

Week of 15th February ~ Service on Sunday 17th February 2019

9:15 & 11am: Dr Craig Mitchell

Worship Leaders: Joan & Ewan Hazeldine & Jan Wiseman

Lectionary readings – 17th February (Epiphany 6)

Jer 17:5-10 • Ps 1 • 1 Cor 15:12-20 • Lk 6:17-26

Next week 24th February – (Epiphany 7)

Preacher 9:15am & 11am – Rev Doug Hosking

Worship Leader 9:15am Mark Williams & 11am – Jan Wiseman

Reflections on the Reading

Happy Valentine's Day

The story of Saint Valentine is about love, but not simply in the way that the flower, chocolate and greeting card industries would suggest. Valentine lived in the 3rd century. He was a priest and physician in Rome. Reports about his life are varied. He is said to have performed healing miracles and been zealous in seeking to convert people to Christian faith.

Under the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius Gothicus, Christianity was a forbidden religion. Despite this, Valentine constantly shared his faith and gave assistance to Christians who were being persecuted. He also provided a Christian marriage to those who so wished. Apparently, marriage was forbidden for young people because male soldiers were in short supply, and unmarried soldiers would be more likely to be bold in battle. Some sources suggest that couples sought a Christian marriage because of Christians' claims of the sacredness of marriage and fidelity in marriage. It is also said that Valentine tried to convert the Emperor himself to Christianity. He was beaten and beheaded in about 270 AD.

What do we make of such a story on a day of buying presents for partners and going out for dinner? A day to celebrate love is fine! Do it more often! Whatever kernels of history are embedded in Valentine's story, the legend points to deeper love than "Married at First Sight" and a deep faithfulness to God – both seem counter-cultural today as they were in 3rd century.

Craig Mitchell

This Week

Funeral next Friday, 22nd February at 1:30pm

The funeral service of Dorothy Morton will be held at BUC next Friday (22nd February at 1:30pm). We will be providing afternoon tea. If you are available to help with either set up, serving or pack-up please contact Jan Furness on 0408 891 092. Thank you.

New General Secretary of the Presbytery and Synod of SA

Congratulations to **Rev Felicity Amery (Deacon)** who many will remember from when she, Howard and their family attended Blackwood UC.

11 O'clockers lunch

This Sunday, 17th February after worship the 11 O'clockers will be having a lunch. All catering organised – please feel welcome to come. A small donation would be appreciated.

News from the Joint Nominating Committee

The JNC has continued to meet and are able to give the required notice of a congregational meeting to be held on March 10, between services at 10:25am. At that time, we expect to bring the name, for approval by secret ballot, of a person to be our next minister to Blackwood Uniting Church.

Adrian Brown, for the JNC

BUC Events

Book Club

Our new year begins next Tuesday when we will be discussing Robert Hillman's book, entitled "The Bookshop of the Broken Hearted." We will meet for the first time this year at Una's house, 1 Gartrell Boulevard, Craighburn Farm at 2.00 pm. My home phone is 81782605 or 0476179147. You will be made most welcome as I was 2 years ago. Una Robertson

First Friday Friends

Our first meeting for the year will be on Friday 1st of March at 1pm in the coffee lounge. Phil Marlow will be talking to us about "The Railway Man" his grandfather who was Commissioner of Railways. Everyone is welcome.
Helen Blake

Walking Group – Sunday February 24

Our walk will start at the Goodwood Railway Station where we will take the 2.08pm train to Brighton Station, then walk to Glenelg to catch the tram back to Goodwood. Milton and Jan Turner 8278 3523.

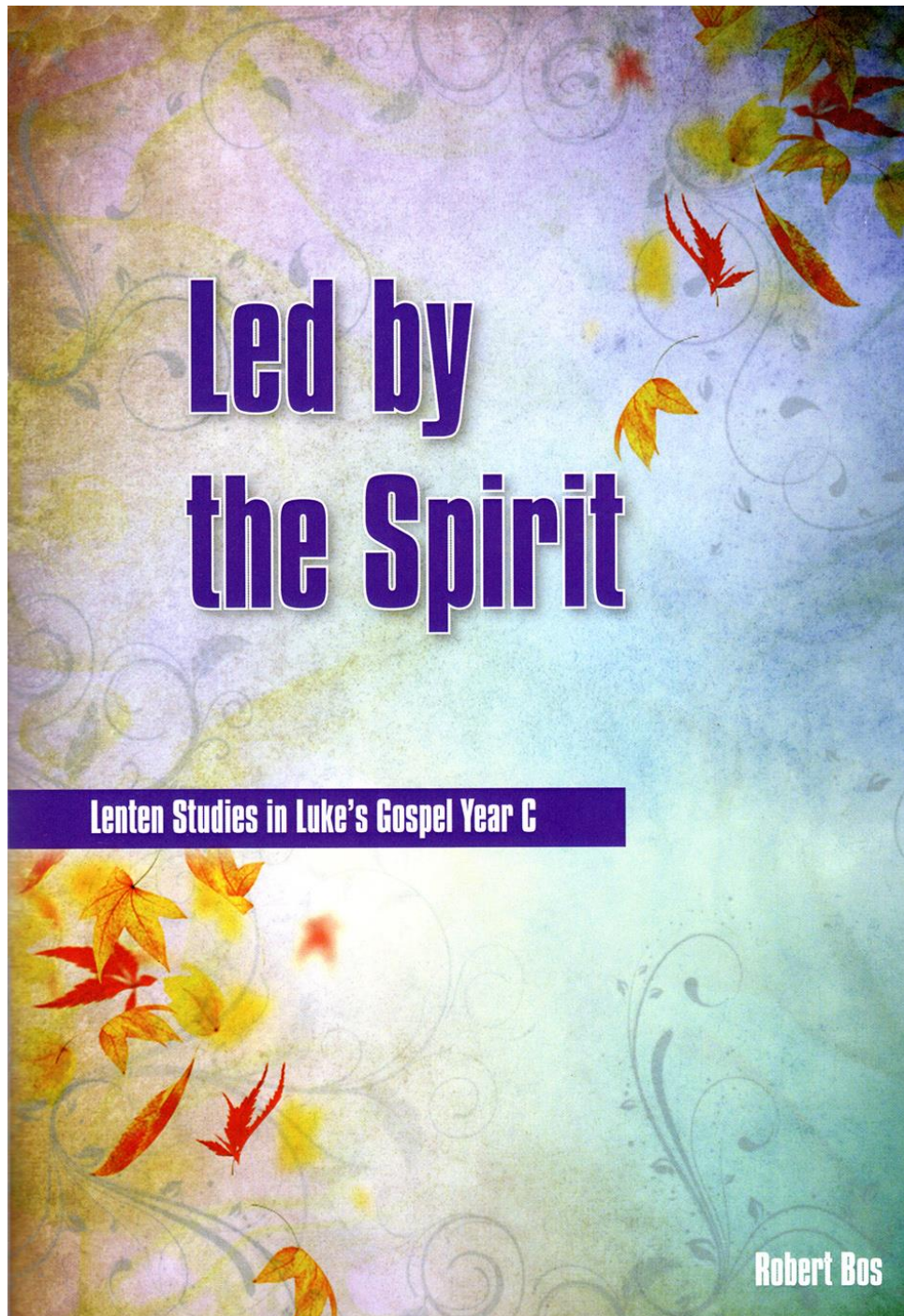
C3PO Women's Social group - February lunch date:

Our first lunch for 2019 will be at the Belair Café which is attached to the Belair Supermarket in the Belair shopping centre near the Belair triangle –on Tuesday week 26th February at 12.30pm. If you are not sure where it is, speak to Marnie or Carys Penny. It's air conditioned and has a varied menu including nachos, Korean dishes and yummy desserts. They seem confident they can cope with up to 20 of us! Please let Marnie Agnew know if you plan to come, before Monday 25th when numbers need to be confirmed. Email:

agnew05@bigpond.net.au , mob 0408 474 699

'Led by the Spirit' - Lenten Studies in Luke's Gospel (Robert Bos)

You are invited to join in a series of six discussions based on texts from the Gospel of Luke during Lent. We will be using the booklet "Led by the Spirit" by Rev Dr Robert Bos as our guide. Rob is formerly the National Consultant for Theology for the Uniting Church, Principal of Coolamon College and Director of the Pilgrim Learning Community in Queensland. The six sessions follow Jesus' life and ministry in Luke's Gospel and make connections to our lives today. You're invited to use the studies in Cluster Groups or other groups, and we will be creating a daytime group and an evening group as well. You can commence the studies on the week of 4 March or following. We will be referencing them during worship commencing Sunday 10 March. The books cost \$12.00 and we will be making a bulk order from Mediacom at the end of February. A copy of the study book is in the church office for your perusal. For more information contact the church office or Craig Mitchell. We have a registration form available to facilitate groups etc. in the office. If you are unable to join a group, you can also use the book for personal reflection at home. If you'd like to create or host a group for the six weeks, please let us know.



Wider Community

Lent & Easter Resource Showcase

The CMLA (Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts) will be showcasing their Lent and Easter Resources on the Tuesday, 19th February at 7:30pm. It will be held at The Corner Uniting Church, Cnr Oaklands & Diagonal Roads, Warradale. All welcome.

Twilight Market

The Noarlunga Uniting Church will be holding a Twilight Market on Saturday, 23rd February from 4pm to 8pm. It is located at 23 William Road, Christies Beach. All welcome.

Urban Mission Network Gathering

The next UMN Gathering will be on Thursday, 28th February at Rosefield Uniting Church at 7pm to 9:15pm. The topic of discussion will be Presbytery restructure: a missional response for an evolving church. Dessert and refreshments will be provided – RSVP for catering purposes by 19th February to susan@urbannetwork.org.au

‘Hold them Close’ by Sarah Agnew:

Copies of Sarah’s new poetry book are again available, cost \$15.

Contact Marnie: 0408 474 699, agnew05@bigpond.net.au

Blackwood Roundabout update

Construction work will resume in mid-February – initially with changes to footpaths and kerbing prior to replacing the actual roundabout. Major work will be done at night and access to the Church will be maintained although there will be some redirection of traffic. The **War Memorial** is currently being restored but will be relocated close to the path on the northern side of the Church gardens before ANZAC Day. **Parking on Main Road** outside the front doors of the Church will be for drop off and pick up only.

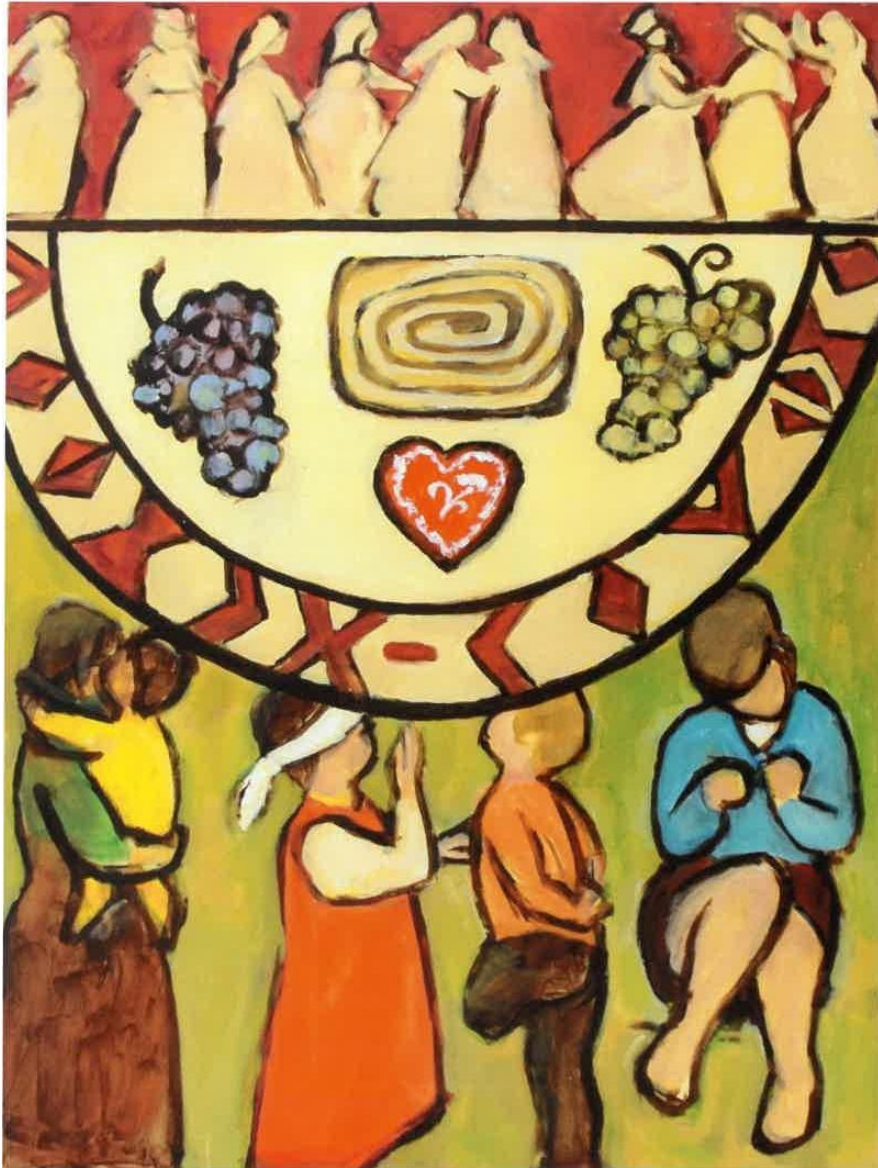
Bob Lyon (BUC Property Secretary)



World Day of Prayer—March 2019

SLOVENIA

'Come—Everything Is Ready'



Date FRIDAY MARCH 1st 2019

Time 10-30 AM

Place HOLY INNOCENTS ANGLICAN CHURCH
BELAIR

Looking ahead in 2019 ...

Sunday	17 th Feb	12:00pm	11 O'clockers lunch
Tuesday	19 th Feb	2:00pm	Book Club
Sunday	24 th Feb	2:00pm	Walking Group
Thursday	28 th Feb	7:00pm	UMN Gathering
Friday	1 st Mch	10:30am	World Day of Prayer
Saturday	13 th Apr		Garage Sale
Saturday	10 th Aug	7:00pm	BUC Quiz Night

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*"Life is an opportunity for us
to contribute something that
outlasts us and makes the
world a better place."
Apoorve Dubey*



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